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## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held Monday and Tuesday, with all members present.

Road and bridge reports were submitted as follows:

District No. 1.—Progress on East Coast ferry road by prisoners and repairs to Osteen and Enterprise road.

District No. 2.—Repairs on Lake Helen-New Smyrna bridge over Deep Creek.

District No. 3.—General repairs on Barberville and Daytona road and Pierson and Seville road.

District No. 4.—No work.

District No. 5.—Laying shell on New Smyrna and Oak Hill road.

The committee appointed to purchase mule, wagon and harness for county reported that they made purchase for the sum of \$281.00.

The following resolution was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

WHEREAS, Joseph Walton has given notice of his intention to apply to the honorable board of pardons of the State of Florida, at the May meeting of the said board for a pardon, having been convicted at the December term A. D. 1908 of the Criminal Court of Record of Volusia County, Florida, of the crime of manslaughter; now,

Therefore, Be it resolved by the County Commissioners of Volusia county, Florida, in session this third day of May, A. D. 1909, that we hereby protest and object to the granting of a pardon to the said Joseph Walton; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the board of pardons.

The petition from citizens of Oak Hill and Shiloh asking for the opening of county road from point on Oak Hill road to Shiloh railway station was received and filed, and H. G. Putnam, W. J. Gardner and W. L. Gause were appointed a committee to mark and view said road and report at next regular meeting.

The notary bonds of T. E. Fitzgerald, S. A. Wood, C. M. Bingham and Frances Dickinson were approved. The justice of the peace bond of J. M. McCorkle was approved.

Rifle bond of Wm. Padgett and revolver bond of J. L. Ditson were approved and clerk instructed to issue licenses.

George Hood was allowed the sum of \$8.00 per month towards his support until further action of board.

The claim of W. J. Murphy for reward for the capture of John Johnson was refused for the reason that he acted only as an assistant to the sheriff and was compensated by the sheriff for his services.

The Pauly Jail Company was awarded the contract to make up plans for county jail and sheriff's residence, said plans to cover a building and equipment not to cost over \$17,000.00, it being understood that if said Pauly Jail Company are the successful bidders on the building and equipment or for the equipment alone, they shall receive nothing for said plans, but in the event they are not awarded contract for any of the work, they

shall receive 3 1/2 per cent on amount of the accepted bid.

The clerk was instructed to give notice of the fact that at June meeting of board the matter of building a jail will be taken up as provided by Section 808 of the General Statutes of Florida.

It was ordered that the lot owned by W. C. Watts on New York avenue in the city of DeLand, directly south of court house, be purchased for the sum of \$1500.00, and a warrant ordered drawn for said amount to be delivered on presentation of good deed to the county.

Criminal Court cost bills were examined and approved for the sum of \$322.75.

The clerk was instructed to get up specifications for cement work around court house as recommended by grand jury, get bids on same and let contract to lowest responsible bidder; also that he get estimates on repairs to court room.

The treasurer's report for April was examined and approved and paid warrants ordered destroyed. Statement from report:

Bal. General Fund . . . \$16345.74  
Bal. Road Fund . . . 5062.47  
Bal. Fine & For. Fund . . 4789.53

The clerk was instructed to notify Cyrus Wigle that reduction in tax asked for by him was denied.

The clerk was instructed to notify the Daytona Bridge Companies that the board will hold a session in the City of Daytona at 2 o'clock p. m., May 21, 1909, for the purpose of hearing the complaints of citizens on the matter of toll rates, and the clerk is also instructed to request the Daytona papers to give notice of this meeting that all citizens interested may be present.

## CAPITALISTS BUY VOLUSIA LANDS

A Chicago syndicate, headed by Messrs. E. C. Howe, advertising manager of the *Appeal to Reason*, and George L. Currier, owner of the *Woman's World*, a Chicago monthly magazine, have purchased a tract of 35,000 acres of land from the Bond Lumber Company at DeLand, which lies wholly in Volusia county.

This tract is bounded on west by the St. Johns river, while the north line runs about two miles north from the Orange city branch of the Florida East Coast Railway. The east line of this property is just seven miles west of the town of New Smyrna and the main line of the Florida East Coast Railway, and the Titusville-Sanford branch is the southern boundary of this land.

The tract has been subdivided into ten and twenty-acre tracts and about May 15th the first body of homeseekers will arrive on the grounds to claim their purchases.

M. Leidersdorf, of Chicago, has been appointed resident manager and will make his headquarters at New Smyrna until the administration building, probably at Indian Springs, is built.

A great part of land is well suited for truck raising and citrus fruits, and will no doubt be one of the best along the east coast in the course of a short while. Every large tract of land between Jacksonville and Miami is being negotiated for by

## MAY MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

The Board met Monday evening, May 3, with all members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Commissioner Wolwine was instructed to make further investigations relative to moving the Flowers' school house.

Supt. Botts was instructed to arrange for a meeting of a committee of high school teachers for the purpose of recommending high school text books to be used in all the high schools of Volusia county.

Supt. Botts was authorized to appoint inspectors, on recommendation of the nomination caucus, for the Special Tax District elections, to be held on May 29.

Commissioner Gould and Supt. Botts were instructed to meet on June 1st and canvas the Special Tax District election returns, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That no person shall be eligible to a position in the schools of this county, employing four or more teachers, who has not had at least sixteen months successful experience as a teacher in the public schools or eight months experience in teaching and eight months normal training in a creditable normal school; Provided, That this resolution shall not apply to any one now teaching in such a school.

As the trustees are the duly elected representatives of the people in all local school matters, and are supposed to know local conditions better than the board can know them; therefore, the board passed a resolution that all petitions shall be submitted to the local trustees, and they shall make recommendations to the school Board, as the law provides.

The regular routine business was then transacted, after which the board adjourned to meet Monday, June 7. A. O. BOTT, Supt.

## JUDGE BEGGS APPOINTED.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 3.—Judge J. D. Beggs, of Orlando, has been appointed by Governor Gilchrist judge of the Criminal Court of Record of Orange county. Judge Beggs was nominated in the last Democratic primaries.

Daytona News: "A Maryland woman who has reached the age of 99 says she attributes her good health to reading a poem every night before retiring. It is probably some of the spring poetry which she reads, and her health is evidently due to sound sleep."

Daytona is to have an electric car line, a franchise having already been asked for.

Three chauffeurs in New York each killed on Saturday—"just an average day," says the *New York Sun*. The killed were a child, a man and a woman.

different syndicates and this will mean the settling of thousands of persons along that famous highway.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Senator Beard's disfranchisement bill passed the Senate Friday, 20 to 10, and is now before the house. The bill proposes to test the constitutionality of the Fifteenth amendment to the federal constitution giving the right of suffrage to the negro.

The following, from the Tallahassee Daily Sun of May 1, will prove interesting to the readers of THE NEWS:

### THE GANG'S ALL HERE.

Whenever society—society in the restricted sense—gives a "function" of any kind, there is always appended, in the newspapers descriptions of the affair, a list of those present.

The Legislature of Florida is hardly to be called a social function, even if it does talk about a lot of small matters, but a list at this time will no doubt be as interesting as if they wore pink satin empire gowns and peach basket hats.

As the court crier says, "Here ye, hear ye, hear ye! Look who's here!" There is Mr. P. O. Knight, who has been here most of the session, and who has always appeared as attorney for several corporations.

Then there is Mr. W. E. Kay, assistant general counsel for the Atlantic Coast Line. Mr. Kay is a large, expansive gentleman with a rolling-along-merrily voice, and with, just at this time, a burning desire to benefit people and to go about doing good.

There's Mr. Morton Riddle, too, the general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line. Mr. Riddle is that worried looking gentleman with gray hair. No doubt his hard work protecting the A. C. L. against attacks of the long-haired is the reason for the gray hair—possibly for the worried look.

The Southern Express Company is also represented on the floors of Tallahassee, that is, those not included in the Senate or House Chambers. The Southern Express Company's representatives as well as those of the Coast Line, the Clyde Line, the Pullman Company, etc., occupy floor space between the two houses, as well as in committee rooms and hotel lobbies.

Mr. Walter Haile of Jacksonville, superintendent Southern Express Co., southern division, and Mr. J. B. Hockaday, general superintendent, with headquarters at Savannah, are prominently here. Mr. Haile has a State-wide reputation for sunny good nature, for it is said of him that no man has ever seen him real angry.

For the Clyde Line there is present General C. P. Lovell, their Florida freight agent.

The Pullman Company, not to be outdone in the matter of representation, has sent Mr. J. C. Burrows, superintendent at Jacksonville, and Mr. J. D. Ferguson, general counsel for the company, of Chicago. Mr. Ferguson is the gentleman who is always selected by the Pullman Company to pour oil on troubled legislative waters. He has just come from California, where, he says, he was sent simply to see that the State did not impose an UNJUST tax on the company.

Now that the roll is called and so many have answered "Here", an

## HAD A FISTIC DUEL.

REPRESENTATIVES ALEXANDER AND THORNTON CAME TO BLOWS BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT

Tallahassee, May 3.—Yesterday afternoon James E. Alexander and Macon Thornton, both Representatives from Volusia county, had a fistic encounter in the lobby of the Leon Hotel, but friends separated them before much damage was done. The two members have not agreed over a proposition for a free bridge from Daytona to Daytona Beach, Alexander favoring the same and Thornton opposing it.

Alexander was standing in the lobby of the hotel talking to a friend when Mr. Thornton entered, and in a most emphatic manner demanded of Mr. Alexander if he had made a statement that he (Alexander) had written the platform upon which he (Thornton) ran.

"I understand that you made the statement that you wrote the platform upon which I made my race for the Legislature," remarked Mr. Thornton.

Those in the lobby of the hotel who heard the remark thought that the gentleman from Volusia was addressing his colleague jokingly.

"I think it was written in my office," returned Mr. Alexander.

"You are a d-n liar."

Instantaneously the two came to blows, but were quickly separated by friends.

The two members of the House from Volusia have stood together on practically every issue since the opening of the session.—Times Union.

The Boston Herald of April 19th contains an announcement of the inception of a movement to commemorate the three-hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims by a World's Tercentennial Exposition to be held in Boston during the year 1920. The time seems rather distant, but undertakings of such magnitude require years to perfect.

John Sharp Williams has qualified for jury duty. In a spelling bee at Meridian he balked on a two-syllable word.

interesting query arises in the mind and almost propounds itself: "What are they here for?"

Each man declares he is here just to see what is being done, but one fact forces itself upon the mind of the observer, that the arrival of these representatives of the "vested or the 'wrested' interests—take your choice—was noted immediately after the introduction of the franchise tax bill related measures, and they all seem busy about something.

And this is not a bad situation! It is not a situation to be at all deplored. If proposed legislation for this State brings big gun lobbyists all the way from Chicago, a representative lot and from the highest officials of corporations, it must be because it would, if enacted into law, accomplish something that the people need, but the corporations object to giving up to them—because the corporations want for their own particular use and benefit